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Attached for your signature is a revision of our letter on H.R. 15577, which was sent to OMB for clearance. The bill would set up a very stringent statutory classification system.

OMB has asked us to delete the sentence (page 3), "If the bill is given favorable consideration, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency be granted a full exemption." Other agencies are also strongly opposing the bill, and OMB wants to present a solid front of opposition by eliminating any requests for special treatment.

I see no problem in dropping the sentence, especially since the Committee staff advises us that there will be no action on the bill in this Congress. A new bill is being drafted for introduction next year, and we will have to completely revise our comments then.

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